

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-40 were previously pending in the application. Claim 3 is canceled; claims 1-2, 4-7, 9, 12, 19-20, 24, 30, and 39-40 are amended; and new claims 41-42 are added herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-2 and 4-42 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 4 of the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 13-16, 18-19, 23, 25-26, 28-36, and 38-39 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Paik. In paragraph 5, the Examiner rejected claims 17 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paik in view of Wei. In paragraph 6, the Examiner rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paik in view of Setty. On page 5, the Examiner objected to claims 2-10, 12, 20-22, 24, and 40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of previously pending claim 3. As such, currently amended claim 1 is equivalent to previously pending claim 3 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 1 is allowable. For similar reasons, the Applicant submits that currently amended claims 19 and 39 are allowable. Since claims 2, 4-18, 20-38, and 40 depend variously from claims 1, 19, and 39, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.


New claim 41 is equivalent to previously pending claim 12 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 41 is allowable.

New claim 42 is equivalent to previously pending claim 24 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 42 is allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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